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son 1.4 (B) and (D).

(C) Poloff shared reftel questions on December 2 with Lieke Biesemans, Attach for the Human Rights in the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). She said that the information is appreciated and timely, because the MFA is currently preparing for its Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on DPRK and plans to ask a number of questions. Biesemans said that there is only "light coordination" among European Union countries to avoid duplicating themes in UPR questioning. Biesemans said that Belgium is a strong supporter of the UPR because it is a peer to peer "political instrument" rather than a report prepared by experts. The Belgian MFA is generally "very active" during UPRs, participating in an average of 10 out of the 16 reviews per session.

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